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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) An animal sweat scraper adapted to scrape sweat from an animal, comprising:

a core having an upper surface and a lower surface and being made of a first resilient material, said core defining an elongated longitudinally curved scraper blade having a scraper surface shaped to remove sweat and debris from an animal, a blade tip located at a free end portion of said scraper blade, and a handle extending from an opposite end of said scraper blade, said scraper blade comprising a longitudinally extending curved portion extending between said handle and said blade tip;

a sheath made of a second resilient material, said sheath provided on and completely enveloping at least a portion of said core between said blade and said handle, and said sheath provided along a length of said scraper blade so as to define a parallel pair of sharp V-shaped scraper blade edges adapted to scrape sweat from an animal, said blade edges depending substantially vertically from said lower surface of said core; and

wherein said first resilient material is less resilient than said second resilient material.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said first resilient material comprises a polymer.

5. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 4 wherein said first resilient material comprises polypropylene.

6. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said second resilient material comprises a

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polymer.

7. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 6 wherein said second resilient material comprises a rubber.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said second resilient material comprises a thermoplastic vulcanate.

11. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 10 wherein said second resilient material comprises an ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and a polymer.

12. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 10 wherein said second resilient material comprises an ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and polypropylene.

13. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 1, wherein said blade comprises an elongated trough-shaped blade.

14. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 1, further comprising an interlock formed between said scraper blade and said sheath.

15. (Original) The sweat scraper of claim 14, wherein said interlock comprises a tongue and groove interlock.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said scraper blade edges are substantially parallel with one another.

20. (Previously presented) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said scraper blade has a substantially constant width.